The Wonders of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park



Interesting facts

- Second largest state park in the US with over 650,000 acres of land.
- The only state park in the US with a full time pilot and plane.
- The only state park in the US with a Paleontology and Archeology volunteer and certification program.





Opportunities within the park

- Archaeology
- Geology
- Paleontology
- Camping

- History
- Flowers
- Wildlife
- Hikes and drives

Archeology

- Over 4500 cultural sites in the park, with only 20% of the park surveyed.
- Over 5000 years of inhabitation of the San Diego desert region.
- The four tribes who inhabited these sites are still in the region today.

Geology

- Much of the park is covered by a number of fault lines.
- Badlands areas of the park are as a result of the Colorado River.
- Age of some rocks found in the park are 470 million years old.





- Dedicated lab/curation facility with over 15,000 fossils collected.
- Volunteer certification program
- Fossil collection history going back over 150 years.









Camping

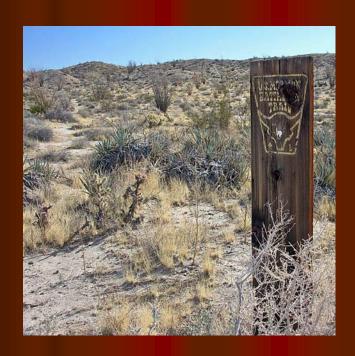
- 4 campgrounds offering varying facilities for tenting and/or RVing.
- 7 primitive campgrounds offering rest room facilities.
- Open camping policy in rest of park.

History





History





Mormon Battalion

History







Butterfield stage



Wildlife











Northern area activities



Northern Campgrounds

- Palm Canyon
- Arroyo Salado
- Sheep Canyon
- Culp valley
- Horse Camp

Campgrounds



Campgrounds













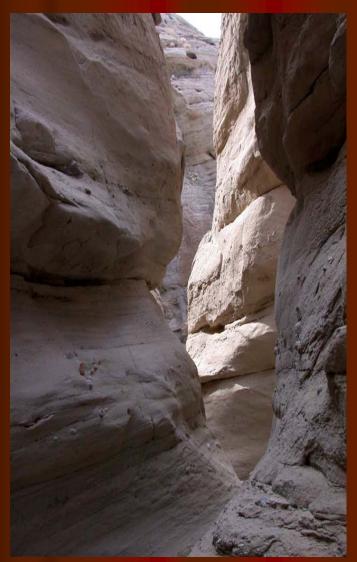






Henderson Canyon Road Area











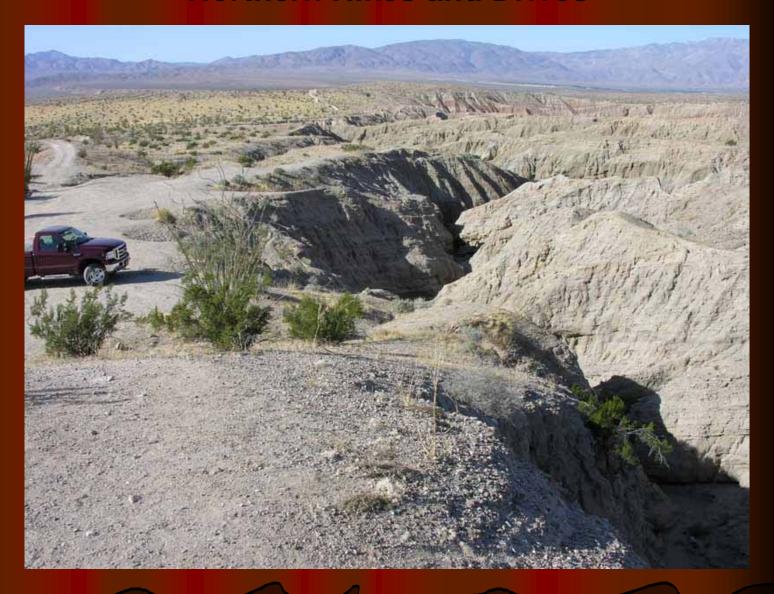
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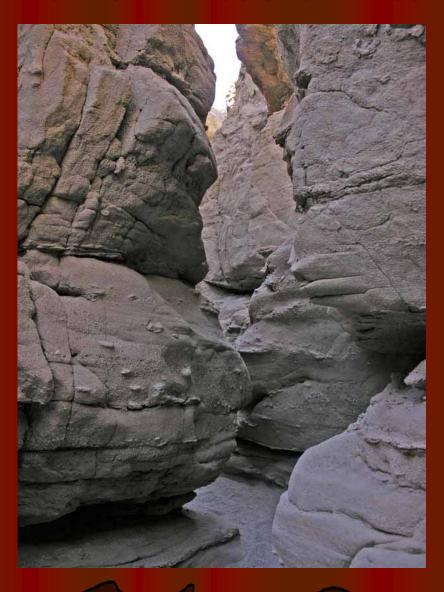


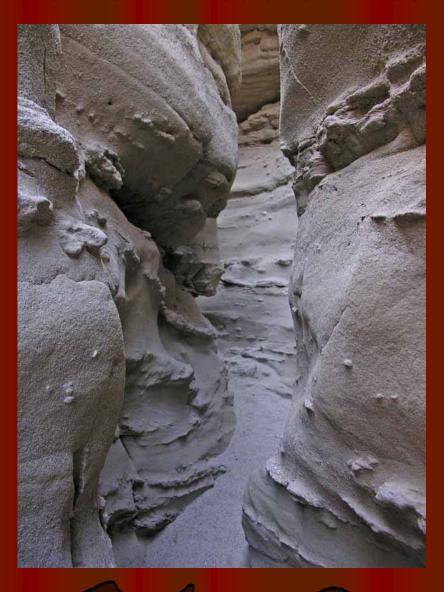


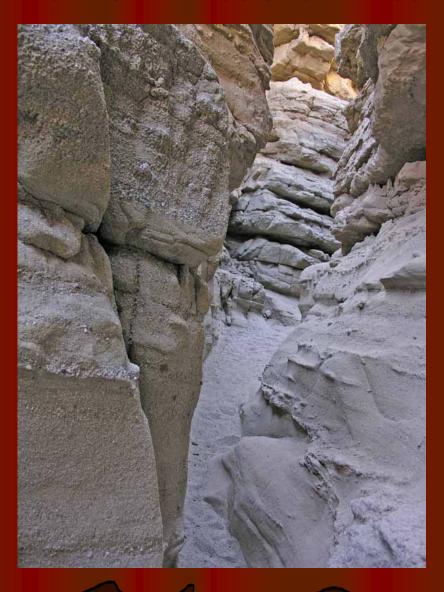
Palm Trees of the Arroyo Salado



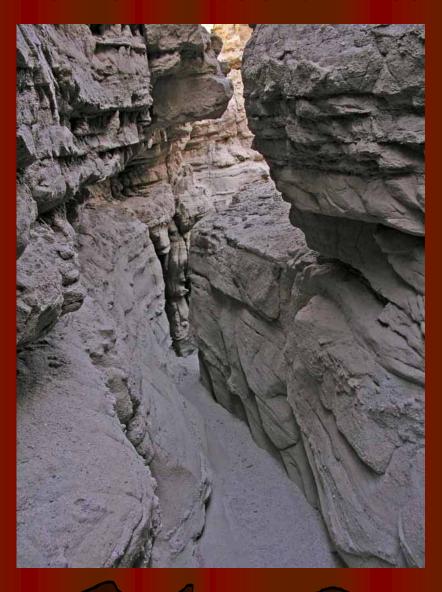


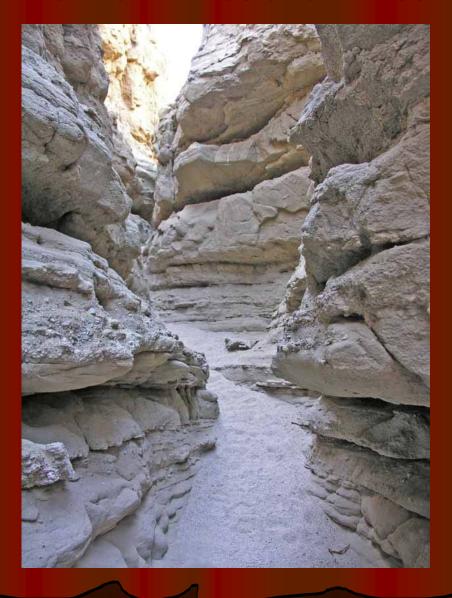


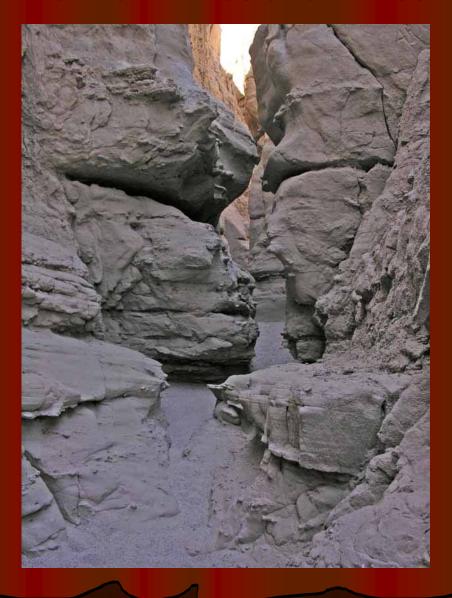


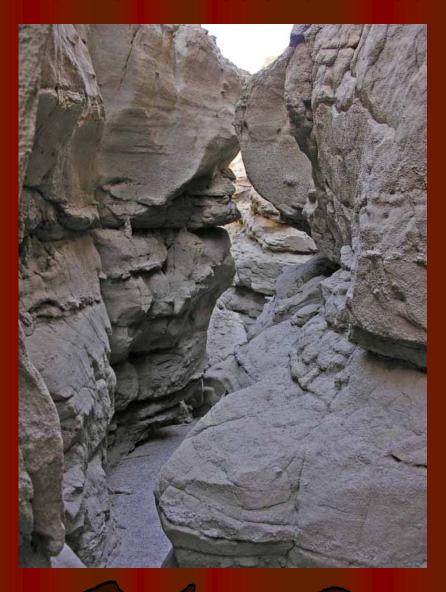


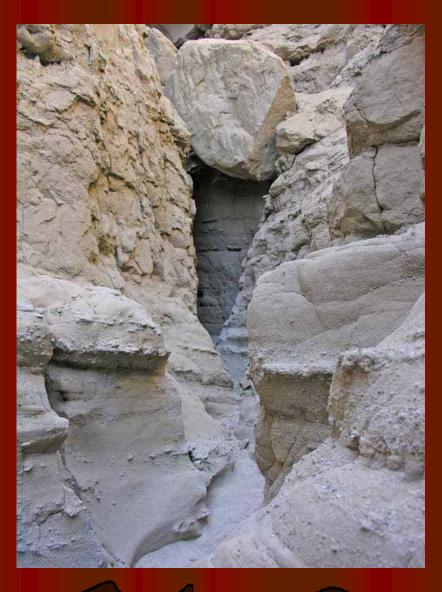
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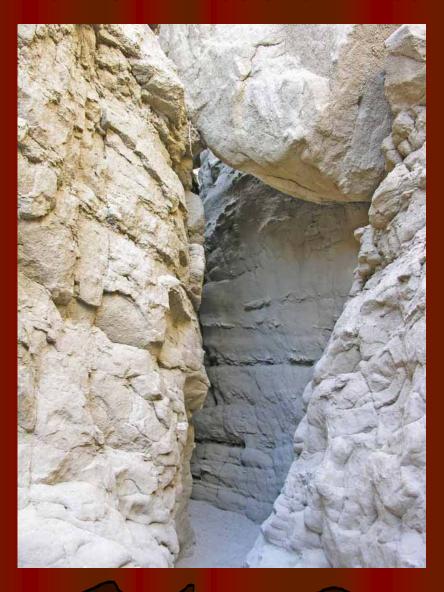


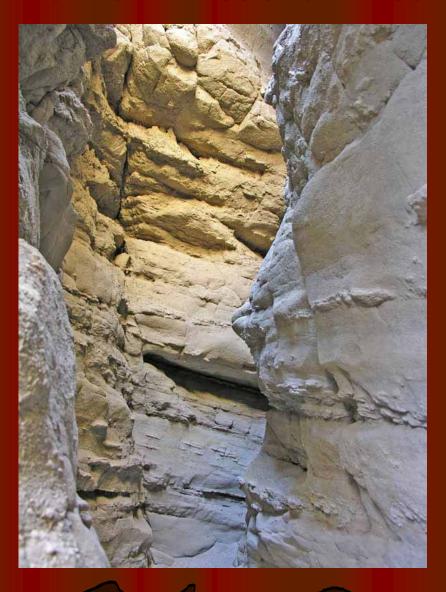


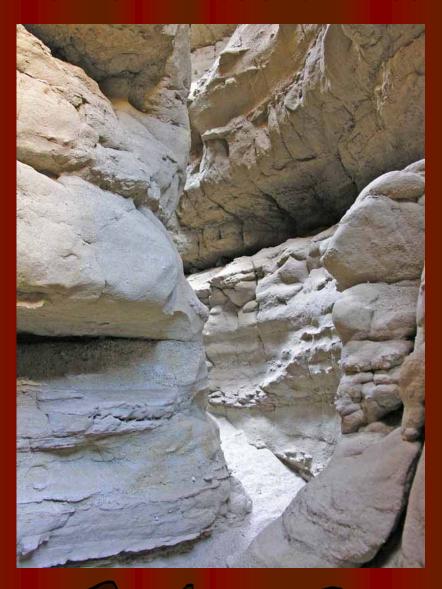


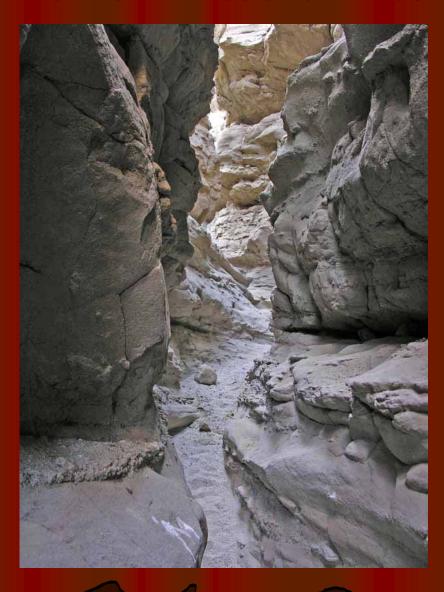


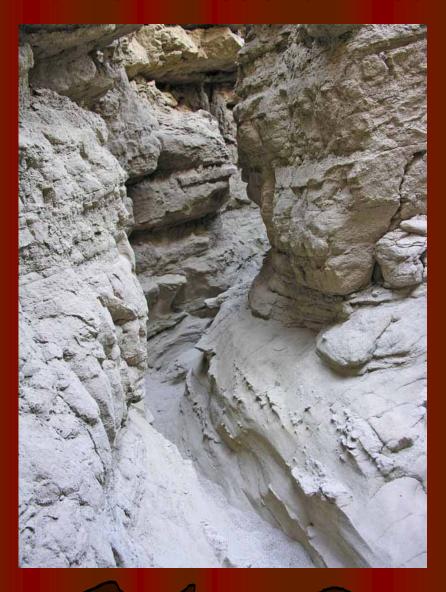


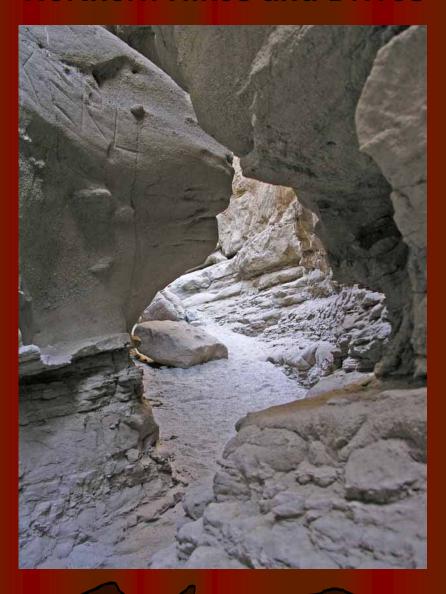


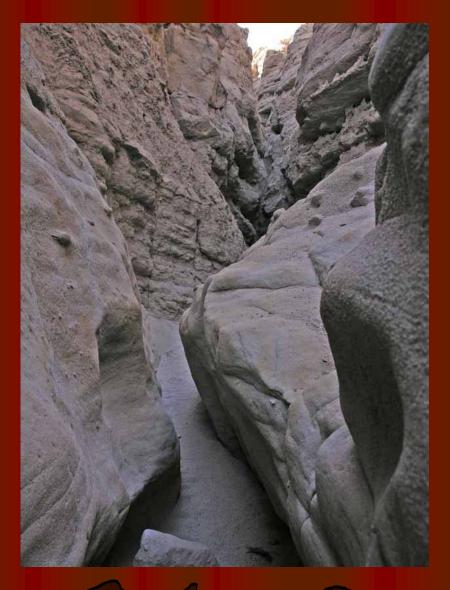


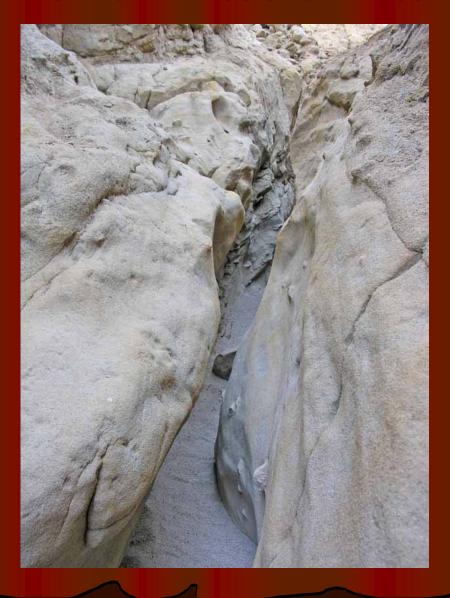


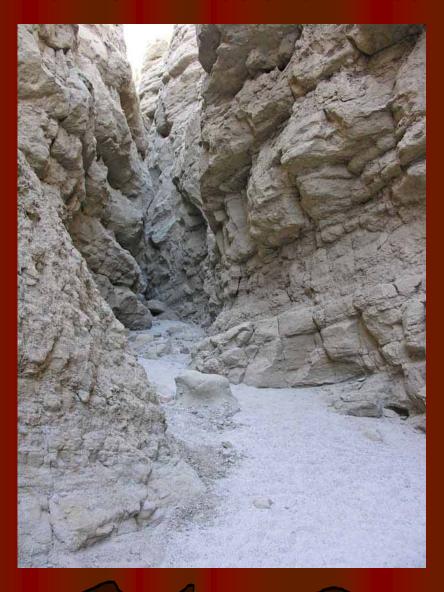


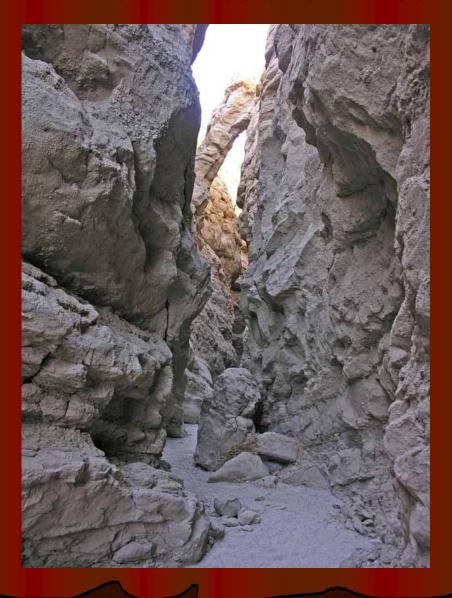




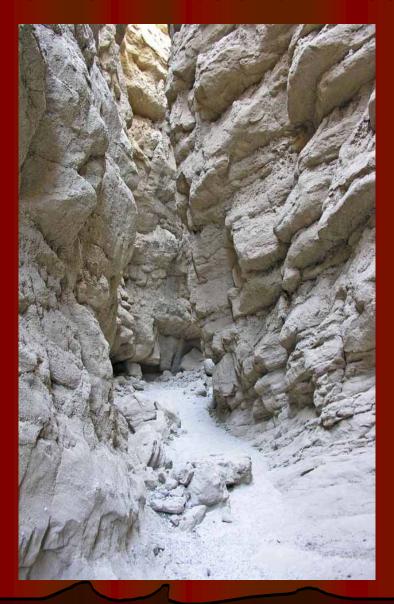




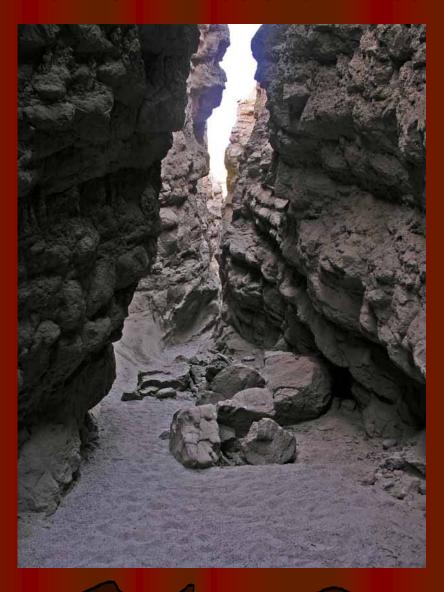


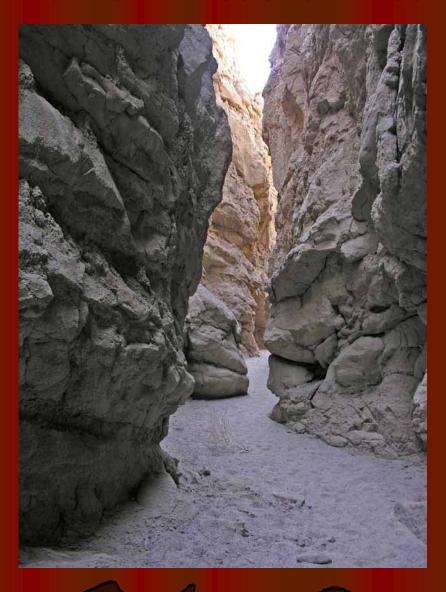


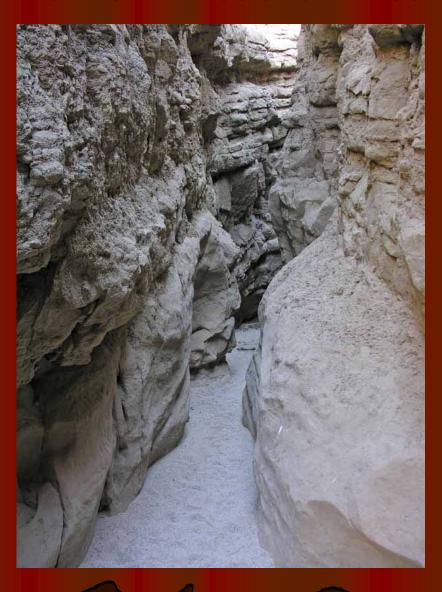
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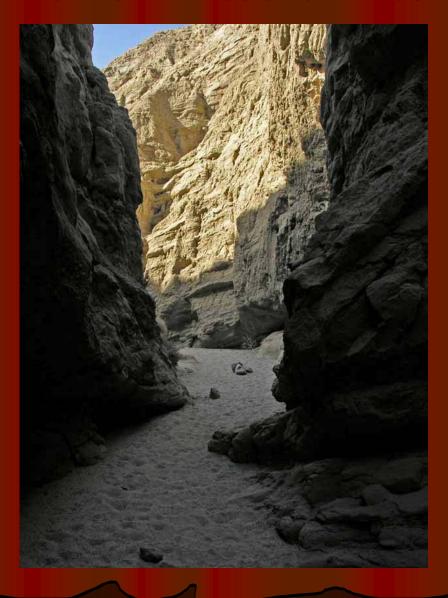


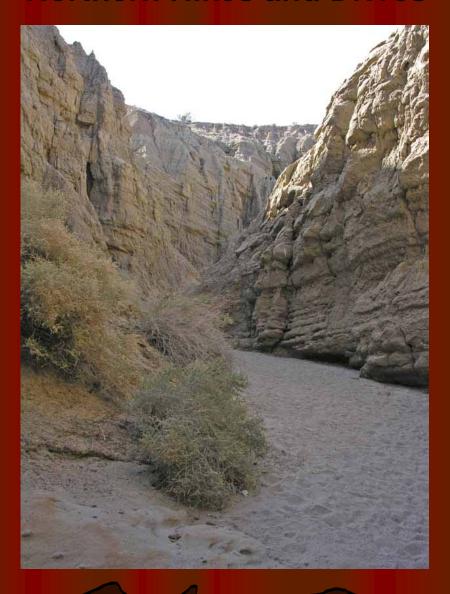
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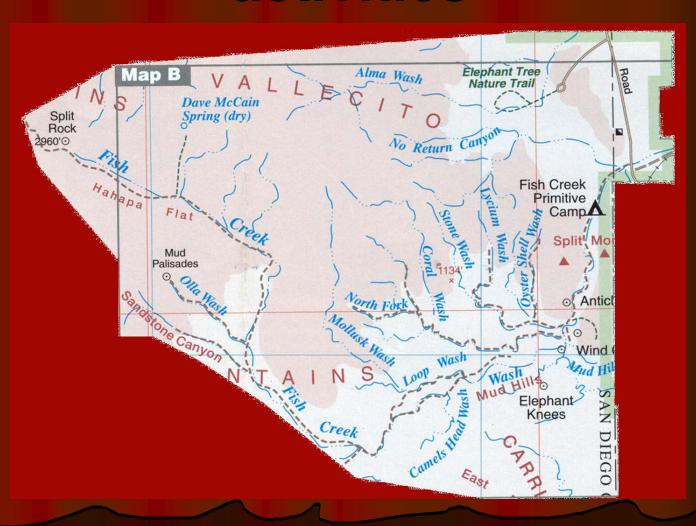








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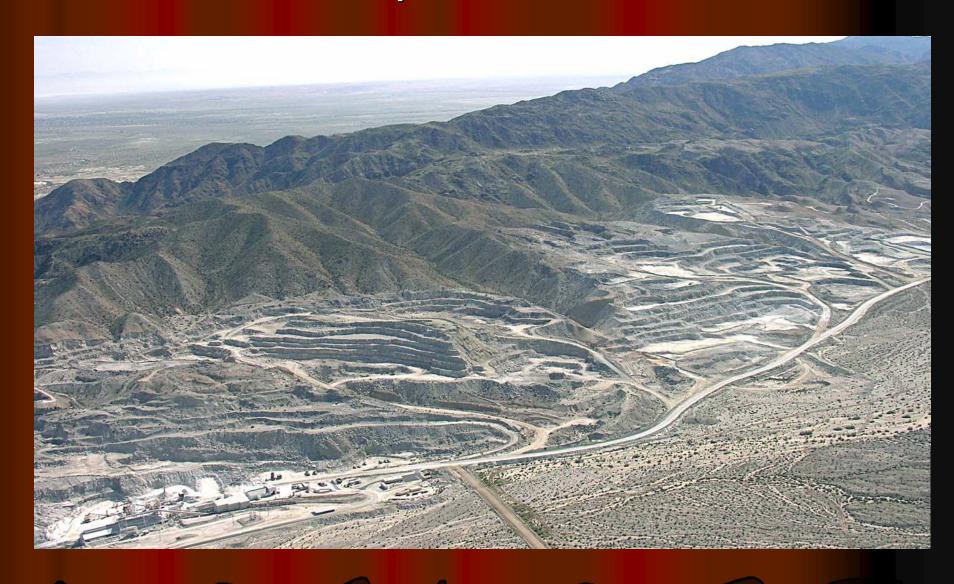


Fish Creek/Split Mountain Campground

















Split mountain







Wind Caves



Fish Creek

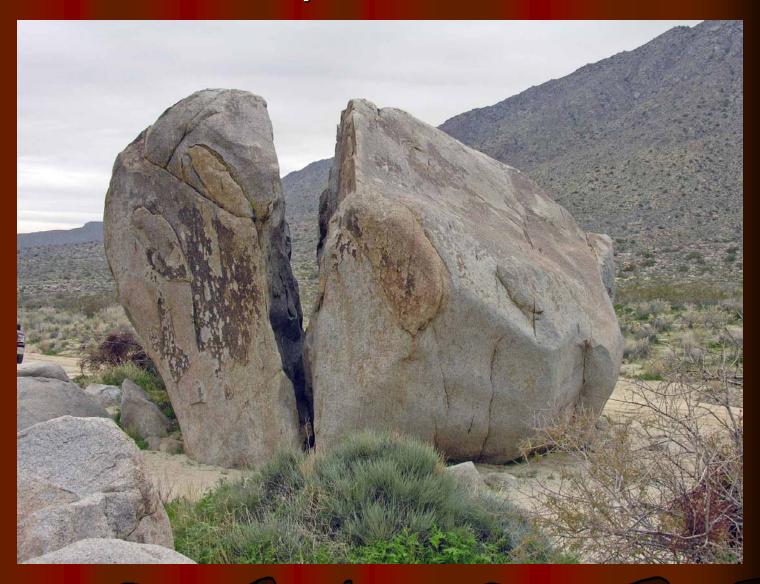






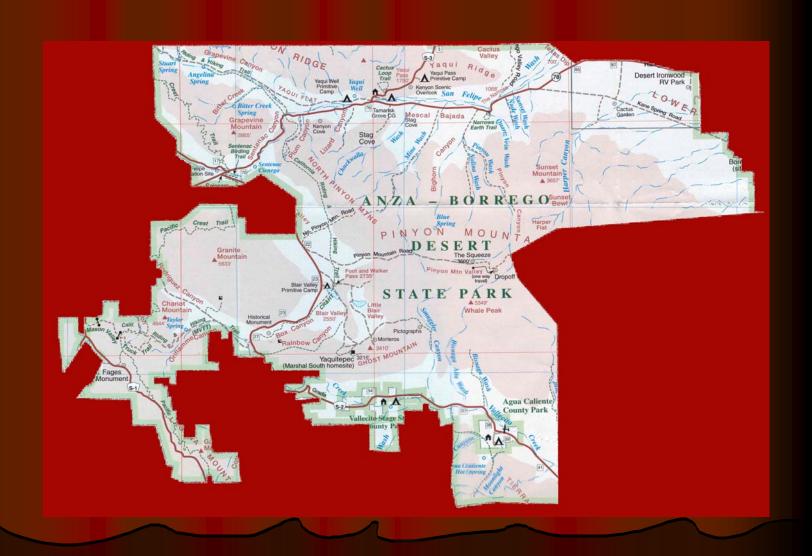


Fish Creek/Split Mountain Activities



Central area activities

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Central Campgrounds

- Yaqui Pass
- Yaqui Well
- Tamarisk Grove
- Blair Valley

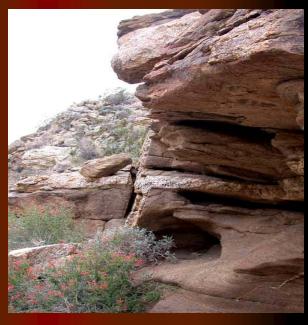


Earth Narrows Trail



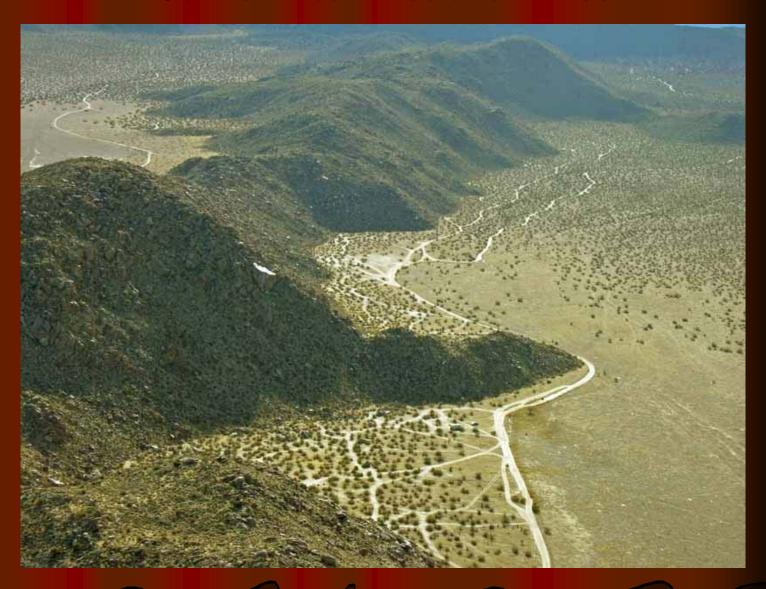
Mine Wash Village Site







Plum Canyon Trail



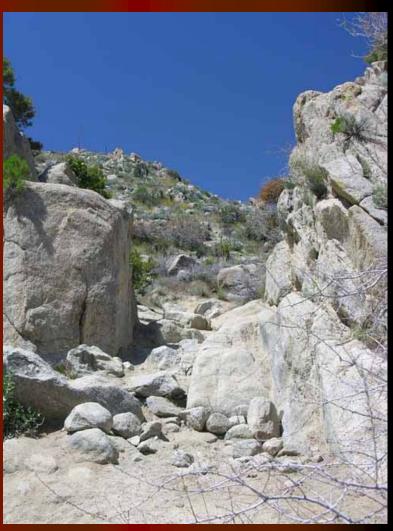














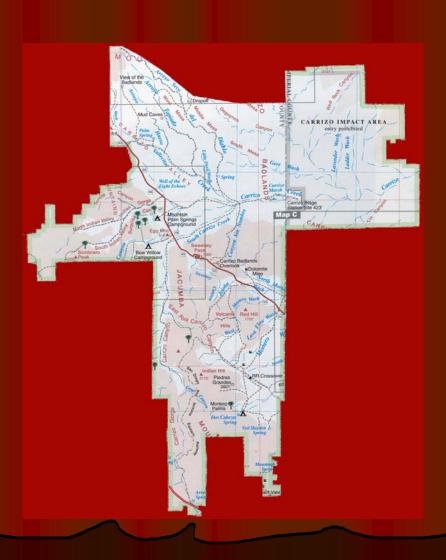




Pinion Mountain Drop-off

Southern area activities

Southern area activities



Southern Campgrounds

- Bow Willow
- Mountain Palm Springs





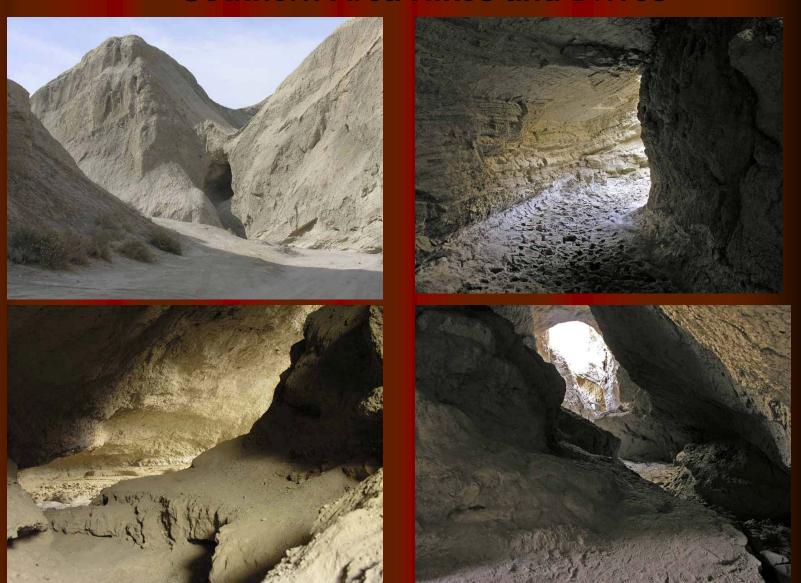








Carrizo Badlands

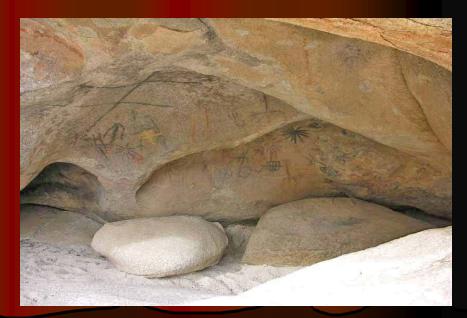


Mud Caves



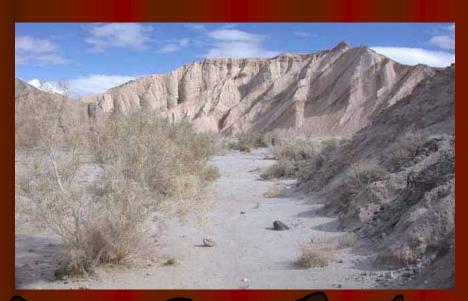






Mortero Wash Area







Canyon Sin Nombre

